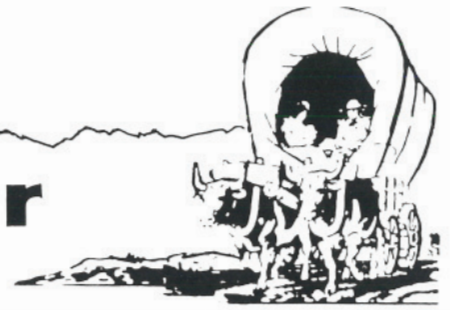




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Two SUP stalwarts who will be missed. Both contributed immeasurably in building and strengthening our organization. Horace A. Sorensen, National President in 1955, presents the East Mill Creek Charter to Karl B. Hale. (See story page 4)

It is with poignant sorrow that we announce the death of President Sorensen. He died May 4, 1977 after an extended illness. A resume of his life and accomplishments will be given in the next issue of "The Pioneer."

President Hale passed away May 24, 1970.



# The President's Message



by D. Wesley Reese

On March 18th, a group of the National Board members traveled to Cedar City to hold a special seminar with the officers of the Cedar, Dixie Mission in St. George, Little Salt Lake in Parawan and Red Rock chapter in Kanab. All arrangements were made by National Vice President, LaNell Lunt in Cedar City. In the interest of time we could not do all that we would like to have done, but we hope that we were able to inform them and generate some enthusiasm and encourage these chapters to organize and join with the National organization in striving to accomplish the goals for which it was organized. We need the support of all the chapters if we are going to reach these goals. United we can accomplish much and reach our goals. To LaNell Lunt and his wife Lucy, we give our sincere thanks for their time, effort and their hospitality in letting us have the meeting in their beautiful new home. Those attending were Wesley and Barbara Reese. Adolph and Elma Johnson, Elmer and Vilate Jones, Verl and Loraine Peterson, Phil Robbins, Oliver Smith, George Lloyd and Jack Nielsen. Also a special guest, J. Elbert Bennion who is temporary president of the new Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter which will be organized and hold its charter night on April 15th, was in attendance. I would like to give my sincere thanks to

each of these for giving their time, talents and money to attend this seminar. Seventeen members from the Southern Utah Chapters were in attendance.

It has come to my attention the past few months that well organized groups are striving to take away some of our ideals and programs that were established by our pioneer forefathers who sacrificed so much to establish these things here in the West. They are also in some cases striving to undermine the Constitution of this great country. As citizens of this country we have always tried to obey the laws of the land and to uphold the constitution. Pres. Brigham Young spent much time and effort in trying to convince the president of the United States that the saints were loyal to the U.S. Government and proved this by asking 500 men, most with families who needed their fathers and husbands, to join the Mormon Battalion. They did so without hesitation and moved across the plains and deserts to California and their families moved on to the Salt Lake Valley. The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers should be just as loyal today by being aware and informed on issues that are being presented to our National, State and local governments that may threaten to take away some of our ideals and constitutional rights that we cherish. This organization could be a great moving force if we join together and let those in office know how this organization stands on these issues.

It is not too early for each of us to start making plans to attend the National Encampment on August 18, 19, 20th. This will be held in Salt Lake City at the University of Utah. We need to start now to arrange our vacations for this time. Each chapter should organize an encampment committee to start to generate some enthusiasm and to encourage all chapter members to attend. They should make arrangements for housing, transportation etc. The East Millcreek chapter is the host chapter this year with John Nielsen as chairman. We all know what a fun and enthusiastic group they are and they are well organized and have planned a very informative, fun and exciting encampment. I am looking forward to seeing all of you there.

## Annual SUP Story Contest

True stories about the experiences of early Utahns are being sought in the annual writing contest sponsored by the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

Medals are offered for the top entries in each of two divisions--senior and youth. Entries in the youth division, 11 to 17 years of age, must list the age of the writer

and the names of his or her parents.

Winning entries also will be published in the society's bi-monthly magazine, "The Pioneer."

Each entry must be an original, unpublished story or biographical sketch about a person who came to Utah before the completion of the railroad on May 10, 1869, or who was born in the territory before that date. It should be typewritten and not exceed 1,200 words in length.

The purpose of the contest is to encourage the researching and writ-

ing of the achievements of those who helped build the pioneer communities of Utah and surrounding areas. Utah pioneers established towns also in Wyoming, Idaho, Nevada, California, Arizona, Colorado, Mexico and Canada.

Entries should be mailed by July 15 to the National Society, Sons of Utah Pioneers, 2988 Connor St., Salt Lake City 84109. Awards will be made at the 1977 S.U.P. convention to be held Aug. 18-20 in Salt Lake City.



# 1977 ENCAMPMENT ACTIVITIES

## National Society Sons of Utah Pioneers

### August 18, 19, 20th - University of Utah Campus

#### THURSDAY AUGUST 18th

With early registration, main ballroom of the Union Building, you will be able to participate in the following:

**AFTERNOON: 1:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.** - Visit the book store display of books with an early Utah history and church background.

**ALSO** - Tours of the University Buildings such as the Artificial Organ Centre, Arts and Science Building and the Industrial Research Centre.

Air Tours are available - Scenic flights over the Salt Lake Valley. (This choice can also be scheduled for 6:00 A.M. for Saturday with transportation provided to the airport.)

**EVENING: 8:00 P.M.** - Salt Lake's famous Beehive Statesmen Chorus and professional entertainment - comprising seventy-five to one hundred male voices.

#### FRIDAY AUGUST 19th - 8:00 A.M.

Today our scenic and historic bus tours begin on the east side of the Union Building. Departure time is 8:30 A.M. Register for one of the following tours:

**TOUR NO. 1** - (Mort Hill Tour Guide) This tour will proceed south on Wasatch Blvd., with a brief description of the canyons, first woolen mill, sugar, grist and lumber mills, etc. before reaching our first stop in the East Mill Creek area.

Following a brief description and slide presentation, in the new EMC Chapel, by Joy F. Dunyon, our bus tour will proceed to the Gardner home and then to historic home and spots in Salt Lake, Bountiful and Farmington and Lagoon. You will tour the new Pioneer Village, hear the curator in the Rock Chapel and eat a box lunch in the new Bowery. Then a scenic ride up Weber Canyon to Henefer, back down the Pioneer Trail to a Commemorative Service at the This is The Place monument. Here the 1947 Trekkers will join us and our tour comes to a climax at the "This is the Place Monument."

**TOUR NO. 2** - (McCoy McMurray Tour Guide) After a brief tour of the University Campus this tour will include the following:

Brief stops near the Salt Lake Country Club and Sugarhouse Park where the tour director will briefly describe the first Utah Deseret Woolen Mill, First Utah Sugar Beet Factory, Early Silk Worm and Mulberry tree project. The Robert Garner home will be the next stop then on to the EMC historic center where Joy F. Dunyon will cover the highlights of the East Mill Creek area.

This tour includes Holladay, paper mill, etc. LDS Church Vault area in Little Cottonwood Canyon, Brighton in Big Cottonwood Canyon, Box lunch, Park City with possible rides, Tunnel Train Mine Ride, Ski-Tram Ride, Then the lower Pioneer Trail to Utah Pioneer Trail Park. This bus tour will then join the 1947 Trekkers at a Commemorative Service at the "This is the Place" Monument.

**TOUR NO. 3** - (Lynn Garff, Director) This tour begins with a Campus tour of the University and viewing the existing buildings now located in the Utah Pioneer Trail Park. Our bus will make stops near the Salt Lake Country Club and the Sugarhouse Park where our tour guide will describe the Deseret Woolen Mill, the Sugarhouse Beet Factory and other pioneer activities. THEN-

The Robert Gardner Home, the EMC historic area. In the Holladay area our Holladay Chapter representative will describe the Fort and Paper Mill. Near the Church vaults our bus tour director will cover the vaults and the quarrying of granite for Temple Square.

Our scenic bus tour will continue up Little Cottonwood Canyon to the famous Alta Mine Area. While we eat our box lunches you will enjoy mining stories. An optional item will be a ride on the famous Snow Bird Tram. The bus will then go to the Bingham Copper Mine across the Valley. To conclude the tour the bus will return to the "This is the Place" Monument for a 4:00 P.M. Commemorative Service with the 1947 Trekkers.

Word has just reached us from President Spencer W. Kimball's office that he will be with us and speak at the 4:00 P.M. celebration. He and Sister Kimball were assigned by the First Presidency to travel with the trekkers in 1947 when the hundredth anniversary of the entrance to Salt Lake Valley was memorialized.

#### FRIDAY EVENING AUGUST 19th - 7:15 P.M.

Location: Mt. Olympus Stake - East Building, 3862 Oakview Drive (4275 South). **OUTDOOR BARBEQUE STEAK DINNER** - Entertainment by a square dance group from the Beehive Statesman Chorus.

Note: We suggest that the chapters hold their encampment parties after this dinner.

#### SATURDAY AUGUST 20th - Morning hours

**AERIAL TOURS** - See brochure and registration form to be available later. Time: 6:00 A.M.

7:00 A.M. National Board Meeting and breakfast.

9:00 A.M. Flag Raising Ceremony

9:30 A.M. National Society elections and business meeting.

10:15 A.M. Women's Brunch and entertainment.

2:30 P.M. Special program to be announced.

#### SATURDAY AUGUST 20th - Evening Schedule

7:00 P.M. PRESIDENT'S DINNER-DANCE to be held in the Union Ballroom.

#### SUNDAY AUGUST 21st - Morning hours

1. University Ward - priesthood meeting.

2. Tabernacle Choir broadcast.

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## East Mill Creek Chapter Recalls Receipt of Charter In National Organization

From the scrapbook history of the East Mill Creek Chapter the following entry was found under date of 7th February 1955: "A meeting was held at 9:00 p.m. at the home of Karl B. Hale, where there was a discussion of forming a chapter in the East Mill Creek area of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers. All present were in favor of this organization." The following week another meeting was held: "An organization meeting was held at 8:30 p.m. at the SUP Museum, 3000 Connor St. The following officers were elected: Karl B. Hale, president; Lorenzo Bates,, first vice-president; Bernard Brockbank, second vice-president; John Haslam, third vice-president; Joy Dunyon, director, Lamont Mahoney, director; Harry Poll, director; Franklin D. Richards, Sr. director."

Under date of March 3, 1955 regular meeting was held at the SUP Museum and the following names were submitted as name for the chapter: Deseret, Porter Rockwell, Mount Olympus, East Mill Creek, Old Mill. The record states that the name East Mill Creek was chosen by the officers.

From such a modest and humble beginning one of the most active chapters of the National Society accepted the challenge of bringing to its members, and the public at large, the value of a pioneer heritage. The next meeting of records was that of a monthly dinner, under the same above date with fifty-six members of record as of February 28, 1955. The formal meeting for the presentation of the charter by National President Horace A. Sorensen was held July 7th, 1955 with thirteen officers present and forty-nine members.

A souvenir program found in the East Mill Creek historical scrapbook refreshes our memory of that eventful meeting. A lusty chorus of "Utah We Love Thee" started the evening with an invocation by the chaplain, Eugene Neff. Thereafter the Nation-

al President, Horace A. Sorensen, introduced the national guests and chapter members were introduced by the chapter president Karl B. Hale. The "Hole in the Rock" trek was announced and other encampments were placed on the calendar of events. Prayer Bell favors were presented by Bernard Brockbank and the entertainment was under the direction of Joy Dunyon. Other notables present were Joseph and Mary Grant, Dr. A. R. Mortensen, national historian; Don Summers; National Judge Advocate Milton V. Backman and chapter advocate German S. Ellsworth. Salt Lake City Mayor Earl J. Glade was the guest speaker and we can all remember his affable manner of speaking. The memorable meeting received its benediction from chaplain R. Emerson Curtis.

As we turn the pages of the scrapbook and the issues of the SUP News, as it was then called, the names of Nicholas G. Morgan, Senior, is there and the project of "Know Your Utah" Year activities were launched. It seemed that on a chapter and national level the names and activities of civic leaders abounded in the SUP News. Dynamic leadership was everywhere in evidence. There was not a chance that the East Mill Creek chapter, as a part of the national organization, would not succeed.

The year 1955 can be recalled as the year when the National Society moved its headquarters from the Zions Savings and Bank Building downtown to its new location at 3000 Connor Street in East Mill Creek. These were the days when the vision of leadership saw the need for Pioneer Village and how to go about getting a visual re-enactment of pioneer life and times. How fortunate we are today that such projects had an early beginning so that we can have this advantage to membership at present.

Carved in stone on the steps of the National Archives, Pennsylvania Avenue entrance, are the inscriptions - "Past is prologue, study the

past." In very truth our founding charter members have given a good account of themselves and their dedication to the ideals of this organization. What they have done will however be of little value unless it stirs us on to a greater present and a more noble future. Our congratulations go to the National Society and to the charter members of the East Mill Creek chapter for their foresight, vigorous leadership and devotion to a worthy cause.

*E. Kay Kirkham*

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## EARLY HISTORY OF THE EAST MILL CREEK AREA

The old Mill Creek ward dates back to the spring of 1848 when John Neff located on a mill site on Mill Creek, near a little grove, about two miles below the mouth of Mill Creek Canyon. This area is now East Mill Creek Ward.

The records of the Alva Keller family show that they built a dugout on the banks of Mill Creek in 1848. Also, Archibald and Robert Gardner received permits to locate mills on the Creek at this time. The old Neff flour mill was just to the left of the old East Mill Creek Chapel location; the Gardner mill location is commemorated by an historic marker on Highland Drive about 3650 South.

These mills contributed to the economy of the time providing energy and water for irrigation. The Neffs and Gardners were not the only ones to build mills for there were at least twenty mills farther up the canyon where the families of Daniel Russell and the Stillmans, Seeleys, Riders and Osguthorpes were among the early settlers. It was about 1853 that James Fisher, Senior, settled in the area of twenty-third East and 2900 South whose property was in the custody of his descendants for several generations. Other neighbors to James Fisher were the Ranks and Capson families.

Among the other early settlers on the old Mill Creek, farther down the valley, were Mary Fielding Smith, widow of the martyred Patriarch Hyrum Smith and members of his family. Other settlers of that time were Reuben Miller, Alexander Hill, Joseph Fielding along with the Gardners.

Religious services had an early start in the area. As early as 1849-50 services were held in Alex Hill's private residence on the Big Cottonwood Creek. In the years following many services were held in private homes and in 1853 the first school house, a small adobe building was erected on the State Road, North of Big Cottonwood Creek.

While Joel H. Johnson was the first Bishop of the old Mill Creek Ward, April 8, 1849, others followed him until it became necessary

to divide the ward and East Mill Creek was organized 15 July 1877. The East Mill Creek ward being but one of several wards divided from the original Mill Creek Ward for it was the largest ward in the Church and covered more territory in the valley than any other ward at that time. The first Bishop of the East Mill Creek Ward was John Neff, Senior and councillors Henry Skidmore and Samuel Oliver with James M. Fisher as the ward clerk. Bishop John Neff was instrumental in assisting further expansion of the ward by donating the land for a ward site and the building became a center for church, school and social life of the area.

While there was little time for education, East Mill Creek found instructors and place for this activity. Private schools were taught by Julian Moses and Amy Smith for a tuition of \$1. per child for those who could pay the fee. On March 24, 1853 a district school was organized and by 1854 a log school house was built at the present location of about 2950 East Mill Creek Road. Pot bellied stoves and hickory sticks had their place in the early schools and those who wanted to

### NOTICE MORMON BATTALION ANNUAL GATHERING AND BUSINESS MEETING

This years Mormon Battalion annual meeting will be held in Logan, Utah October 14, at the Union Building on the USU campus. A good program is being arranged. Registration will start at 3:00 P.M.

Dinner 6:30 P.M. in the Walnut Room.

Committee in charge:

Col. Earl A. Hansen, Chairman,  
Cpt. Quentin Thomas, Sgt. Merlin Kendrick, Cpt. Roland Mortensen, Advisor. Details of the program and events to follow in a later issue of the Pioneer.

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*East Mill Creek Ward celebrates this year its century of service.*



# WHEELS - WHERE DO THEIR TRACKS LEAD?

By George B. Everton, Sr.

It has been said that the wheel is the greatest invention of man.

It was fashioned by a man with a tool and its destiny has not yet been reached even though it has undoubtedly become the most common and useful appliance in the world today. The smallest watch to the giant earth moving equipment display its usefulness.

The first crude rolling disk was used to take the load from man's back and new intricate applications are continually being found to add to his pleasure, ease and knowledge. There is hardly an item we see or touch in an ordinary day that was not fashioned or brought to us by wheels. We must go to pristine nature, untouched by the hand of man, if we are to escape the influence of either the slow ponderous or the fast, whirring, terrestrial orb.

We can only conjecture as to whether the first wheel was made of stone or wood; whether it was found by accident or by deliberate action. But, whatever, a tool in the hand of man changed the destiny of the world by bringing us to another tool - the circular disk - which continues without end to multiply and bring us more tools.

Man's follies, it is sad to say, use this great benefactor to build the juggernauts of war and destruction, and unless proper control is exercised we may eventually find ourselves on a steep incline with wheels under us taking us to a big smashup.

Our natural resources are extremely important to us, but they may be used, changed and wasted until they disappear. Tools increase almost without limitation. Human energy is amplified and improved as inventors make and use new tools. The wheel, if used properly, could be our salvation.

The Pilgrims, the Planters, the Founding Fathers and the Pioneers did not know it but they actually fostered the creation of new tools more than any other people because

of the freedoms established by them in their chosen land. They were all more or less hounded and oppressed. Our Utah Pioneers were inhumanly driven from their homes by heartless oppressors. But all this harassment made them all the more determined to throw off the yoke of oppression and strike for freedom. Little did they realize that the hidden blessings of abilities to make new tools would walk in the door with free enterprise - one of the conditions they sought along with the basic freedoms now guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. Bondage limits the ability and yearning to make and use tools.

It could be that our Utah Pioneers even received an extra portion of the desires for opportunities and talents to improve their lot. Great suffering produces great strength. Nevertheless, what ever the cause, the sons and daughters of our beloved state rank among the top when judged by the criteria reported by the "Who's Who" Books. They have brought great credit to us already and their influence for good in all the world will continue as they make and use new tools - tools made possible by unrestrained freedom, proper self-determination and divine inspiration.

The wheel, man and God all helped the pioneers and they will also help us if we will it.

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## DEVERAUX HOUSE MAY YET BE SAVED

The Deveraux issue is still alive. Efforts are being made from several sources to get it on to the agenda for the special session of the legislature which may be called in June. The Governor can ask that it be considered at a special session but the legislators can not propose it except as individuals such as you and me.

This is a project that the state should undertake. Its value after restoration would be inestimable as it would be a tie with the past that every person in the state would be proud of and it would be a tourist attraction of supereminence.

All SUP members should take it upon themselves to write to the Governor, either a letter or a post

George B. Everton, Sr.  
123 Second Avenue  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84103

Dear George;

It is almost a year since we made mention in the Pioneer of the most recent Life Members. We are happy to report that many members have joined the Life Membership ranks in the past few months.

card, and ask him to include the Deveraux House as an item to be considered at the next session of the legislature.

In the box below is a letter which you can use as a guide in writing to Governor Matheson. Use your own words if possible - just let him know that you would like to see the Deveraux House restored.

The Honorable Scott M. Matheson  
Governor of Utah  
State Capitol  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Dear Sir:

The restoration of Deveraux House is an item that certainly should be considered at the next session of the legislature.

It is understandable that financing all proposed projects is difficult but this is a rapidly disappearing chance to preserve for future generations one of the beautiful historical houses of the past. Restoring it would be a valuable asset to the state for all time. Unless acquisition is made soon the opportunity may slip through our fingers and be gone forever.

You could put a beautiful feather in your cap by pushing for and signing the bill to safeguard this beneficent connection with the past - The Deveraux House.

Respectfully yours,

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

## Life Membership List Grows

Below is a list of these members together with the Chapter to which they belong. You will note that there are three members from the recently organized Mt. Olympus Chapter. Our total number enrolled has now reached the figure of 224.

187. Lloyd Strasburg  
-Lehi
188. Robert B. Jackson  
-Mt. Ogden
189. Harold W. Johnson  
-East Millcreek
190. Glen A. Lloyd  
-Pioneer
191. Sherman C. Young  
-Sugar House
192. Roy Doxey  
-Brigham Young
193. W. Phillips Robbins  
-Sugar House
194. John F. Jones  
-Brigham Young
195. Eldon J. Card  
-Brigham Young
196. Woodrow W. Caldwell  
-East Millcreek
197. Shirley R. Debenham  
-East Millcreek
198. G. Lynn Garff  
-East Millcreek
199. Fred Weenig  
-Holladay
200. Verl L. Peterson  
-Box Elder
201. L. Marcus Jensen  
-East Millcreek
202. Clive C. Johnson  
-East Millcreek
203. Clinton J. Beasley  
-Box Elder
204. Oscar F. Ekberg  
-East Millcreek
205. Lowell Woodward  
-Brigham Young
206. Dr. Wm. M. Foxley  
-Brigham Young
207. Grant Ursenback  
-Sierra
208. Leland T. Cottle  
-Temple Fork
209. Elmer C. Jenkins  
-Salt Lake City
210. Darrel Knight  
-Pioneer
211. Robert Clay Allred  
-So. Davis
212. Charles N. Barlow  
-So. Davis
213. Newell L. Meyers  
-Temple Quarry

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## ***Sanpete to Manasseh to Murray***

# **HANNAH CHRISTENSEN**

*This report was written for the Relief Society Magazine by their oldest son, Martin Christensen, July 1928.*

In drawing a mental picture of the subject of this sketch, we must see a little woman, barely five feet in height, who never weighed a hundred pounds in her life, quick, energetic and determined, but with a keen sense of humor and a cheery smile upon her face.

Maren Johanna Rasmussen Christensen familiarly known as Hannah was born on the Island of Lolland, Denmark, October 28, 1838, the daughter of Rasmus Christensen and Maria Jorgensen. From childhood she exhibited that independence of spirit which characterized her later life. When barely in her teens, at her home one day, a pig had been slaughtered, after which the family went into the house to eat breakfast. While the men ate, Hannah went out to take a look at the animal and seeing that it still showed signs of life, took up a butcher knife and finished the job to put an end to the creature's suffering.

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- 214. J. S. McDonald  
-Holladay
- 215. Richard McDonald  
-Mt. Olympus
- 216. Howard McDonald  
-Mt. Olympus
- 217. Edward McDonald  
-Mt. Olympus
- 218. Niels Marcus Peterson  
-So. Davis
- 219. Joseph S. Hellewell  
-Holladay
- 220. Francis M. Partridge  
-Holladay
- 221. Darus Allred  
-Temple Fork
- 222. Sylvester C. Anderson  
-Temple Fork
- 223. William J. Kendrick  
-Temple Fork
- 224. Roland H. Mortensen  
-Temple Fork

Sincerely,

George C. Lloyd  
Executive Secretary

Having become a convert to the Gospel, she was called upon to choose between love and duty; for a worthy young man, whose wife she expected soon to become, could not see as she did in religious matters and their courtship ended. In 1864, she was baptized by Elder Ole H. Berg, and emigrated to Utah in 1866. In crossing the plains by ox train, much sickness was experienced by the emigrants and many died. Twenty-two women were attacked with cholera at one time and of these only two survived, Hannah being one of them. It was at this time that her romance commenced, for in Capt. Lowry's company, which travelled with them part of the way, was a young man named Martin Christensen, and the two young people became acquainted. Hannah was still weak and Martin kindly held an umbrella over her as she lay sick, to protect her from the burning rays of the sun.

Upon their arrival in Salt Lake City they again met and together proceeded to Mount Pleasant, Sanpete County, Utah, with other members of their companies. Here

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## **NOTICE**

### **CENTENNIAL TREKKERS**

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Friday, July 15th

Ralph G. Smith, Secy.

In connection with the above notice may we also say that the Trekkers are also invited to attend a special program on Saturday, 20 August at the *This is the Place* Monument. This program will precede the annual banquet of the National Society of Sons of Utah Pioneers, and will be the climax of several tours arranged by the East Millcreek Chapter SUP, the hosts of the 1977 National Encampment. All Trekkers will enjoy a place of honor at the meeting. A special invitation has been extended to President Spencer W. Kimball to be the speaker - he and Sister Kimball traveled with the group as they retraced the route of the pioneers from Nauvoo to Salt Lake City. We are happy to report that President Kimball has accepted our invitation and that he and Sister Kimball will be with us for this rare and momentous occasion.

In checking the list of Trekkers it has been noted that quite a few are not now associated with a SUP Chapter. We invite you to join with us again and enjoy the comradeship and good feeling that comes from associating with those who foster pioneer ideals.

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## Sanpete to Manasseh

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they were married by Bishop Seeley and located at Fountain Green, becoming pioneers of that place. By hard work and frugality they were able to surround themselves with many comforts in spite of the ravages of grasshoppers and trouble with Indians. They built a two-room adobe house and secured a considerable amount of land. Brother Christensen bought a team and did freighting between Salt Lake City and their home, besides returning to his homeland seven times on missions to try to convert his loved ones. While thus away, his wife assisted the men in shearing sheep in the co-op herd, gleaned grain in the fields to make flour and for chicken feed, and in every way possible endeavored to help make a livelihood for the

family. Five children were born to these good people, but home duties and hard work did not prevent them from attending strictly to their duties in the Ward; for, as they said, it was to live their religion that they had come here.

Just when prosperity began to smile upon them in 1880, President John Taylor called Brother Martin Christensen and his family to San Luis Valley to help make a settlement for Saints there. Did they respond? With courage, born of faith, they sold their property, bought teams, and bidding farewell to friends and to the little grave where reposed one of their precious babies, Victoria, set out with the remaining four children on a trip fraught with terrible hardship. They were to make a new home in the wilderness and to become pioneers of Manasseh, Colorado.

The first winter was terribly severe and the rough cabin they had been able to erect was but a poor

protection to the family and the milch cows to which it also gave shelter. When spring came, in spite of terrific gales, the little family planted their crops, which were later almost entirely destroyed by summer frosts. However, they faced the situation without fear and with no doubt as to ultimate success by the blessing of the Lord who had directed their footsteps there.

The D. & R. G. R. R. was building its lines at that time, and construction camps were strung out from ten to twenty miles apart. This opened a business opportunity to Sister Christensen who, fitting up an old wagon for the purpose, visited these camps regularly, selling butter, eggs, dressed chicken, vegetables, etc. Her visits were looked forward to and her advent could be relied upon with certainty. Every other Tuesday she went from Manasseh to Alamosa, returning the following day; and every Saturday she went to

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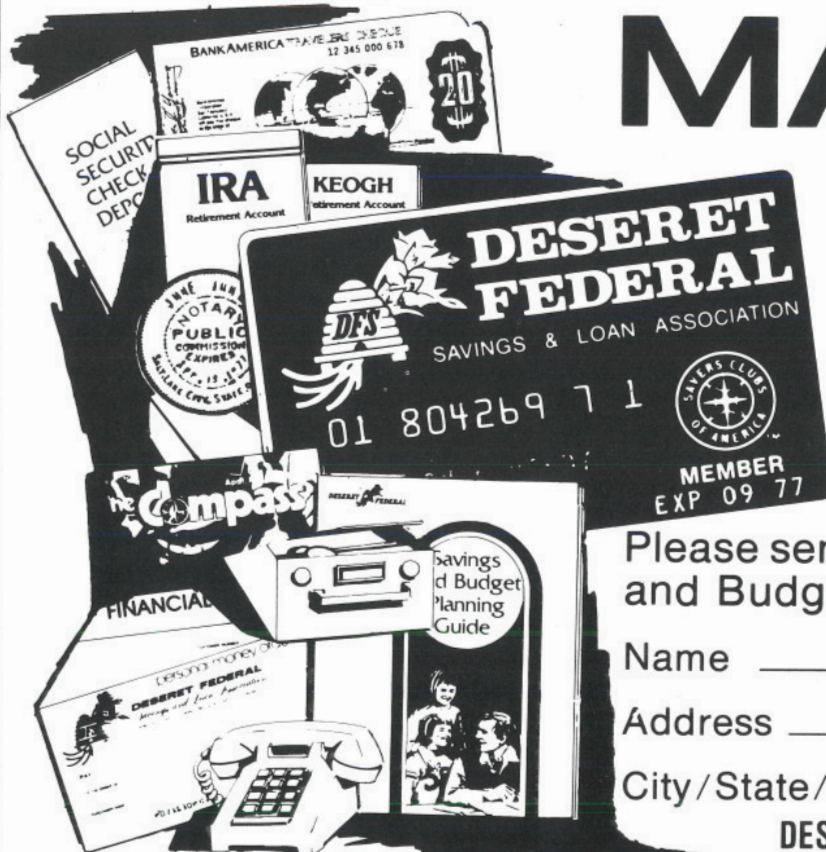
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# CHAPTER NEWS AND VIEWS

## MURRAY CITY COMMUNITY LEADERS ELECT TO ORGANIZE NEW SUP CHAPTER

By E. Kay Kirkham

An outstanding group of Murray City leaders met recently in their public library to organize the first SUP chapter in this historic Utah city. Sponsored by an enthusiastic group of officers of the East Mill Creek chapter, the first steps were taken in a permanent local SUP chapter.

With SUP membership it seems only natural that some of Murray's citizens should thus be organized and thereby recognize their pioneer-rich past. The center of early Utah mining interests was located on Little Cottonwood Creek in the mid-valley on the present site of Murray. While the old Germania Company for smelting, along with the Morgan and Franklin works, did not remain in Murray, their removal to the Garfield area opened up this section of the valley to residential expansion.

Elected as temporary officers of this new chapter were Harold J. Shaw, president, T. Morris Rowley as president-elect, Orrin P. Black as first vice-president and Wells Poulsen as second vice-president. The two year directors were Marshall H. Brinton and Donald H. Snow and one year directors were Denzil E. Watts and Jay Reynolds.

Participating in the new organization from the East Mill Creek chapter were Joseph A. Brown, president, W. W. Caldwell, past president, John J. Nielsen, president-elect, Virgil Smith, vice-president of the EMC new chapter committee was there with his committee mem-

## Salt Lake City Chapter

According to "The Voice of the Pioneers", published monthly by the Salt Lake City Chapter, which meet on the first Wednesday of each month at the Hotel Utah at 12:10 p.m., they have recently enjoyed two excellent speakers. Gerald G. Smith was with them on March 2. He has held many important business and church positions and is currently in the presidency of the Temple Square Mission. Fern Nelson Savage, Scott Savage and Mary Jo Jenkins Whitchurch furnished musical selections

On April 6 George Z. Aposhian was their speaker who has a varied and colorful life since immigrating from his birthplace in Armenia. Vocalist Rebecca Bennion Glade and accompanist Susan Sorenson completed their program.

bers of Emmett L. Morris and H. Pierce Bringham. From the national organization, W. Phil Robbins as vice-president and E. Morton Hill, past national president, attended the initial meeting also.

Denzil E. Watts and H. Pierce Bringham headed up a calling committee that was responsible for contacting possible members for this new charter chapter.

Should anyone have friends or relatives in the Murray area that have an interest in the Sons of the Utah Pioneers, they should telephone president Shaw at 266-3235 or president-elect Rowley at 266-0796.

All of the above prospective officers have been active in church and civic affairs and will lead out in getting others to join with them in this new chapter and in participating in the activities of the National Society, Sons of Utah Pioneers.



## MORMON BATALLION COMPANY "A"

Commanding Officer Sheldon R. Brewster mailed a special newsletter to all members of Co. "A" on March 12. In it he reviewed a few past activities and informed the company the program for March 18. Harold H. Jenson had arranged for Rell G. Francis to give a lecture with slides on the works of Cyrus E. Dallin, the sculptor of the Angel Moroni on the Salt Lake Temple, the Brigham Young Monument at Main and South Temple, Massasoit, etc. (see book review next issue.)

A bus excursion to the Ogden or Provo Temple is contemplated for April 15. This trip will take the place of the regular monthly meeting which is held the third Friday of each month at the Senior Citizens Recreation Center, 237 South 10th East, unless special activities are planned. The calling committee notifies all members of the meetings. If you are not on the calling list and would like to join with Co. "A" of the Mormon Battalion let Sheldon know. His number is 355-1693.

The following was selected from the miscellaneous news:

Dick Lambert of Beehive Tours and Travel recently visited the Information Center at Temple View, N. Z. He met with Marvin and Irene Smith and reported they are enjoying their work and are well.

Congratulations to Howard Lichfield and Bill Erickson. Feeling the urge to see that we were represented in the big parade at Tuscon, they flew down and marched in it. They reported it was very successful and they were treated very well. Our thanks to both.

Brother and Sister Claud Lemmon both passed away recently. We had hoped their health would improve so that they could again take up their activities with us which they desired to do upon their return from California.

Congratulations to our own Col. Eugene B. Duffin for his appointment as chairman of the Salt Lake County Library Board. It is a very important responsibility and he is certainly equal to it.

Have you stopped to think how much Company "A" has contribut-

ed to the missionary program of the Church? It would be interesting to learn just how much missionary service has been given by members of the group and their families. The four missionary grandchildren of the Brewsters have now returned and we are getting ready for the next batch. The activities of the Battalion are certainly an important contribution to "Every Member A Missionary."

Company "A" belongs to all of you and we can make it better by inviting more nice people - your family and friends - to increase our ranks.

The former Secretary of State ignored our requests to cut down the trees encompassing the Mormon Battalion Monument, practically hiding it. Wonder if we can prevail upon the new Secretary of State. Let's try.

## Sierra Chapter

The announcement of the SUP Sierra Chapter meeting for the 26 March sounded real fun. It included a guided tour of the USBR Folsom Powerplant and the 1895 historic Folsom Powerhouse, also a State Park lecture of Historic Folsom Prison and area, and a picnic lunch in the State Park overlooking the American River. Friends of SUP were invited to join in the half-day trekk.

## Company "D" US Mormon Battalion

Members of Co. "D" held a successful meeting April 8. There were 34 in attendance. Potluck supper was enjoyed. Community singing of the Mormon Battalion song started the program and was followed by accordian and harmonica old time music by Roy Sorensen of Preston, Idaho. Hubert Ward gave some extremely interesting stories regarding his grandfather and great-grandfather as they marched with the Mormon Battalion from Kansas to California and back to Salt Lake.

## Sons of Utah Pioneers elect

*Herald Journal January 25, 1977*

The Sons of Utah Pioneers, Temple Fork Chapter, met Thursday night for their monthly dinner meeting. Wives of members were guests.

Harvey Allred spoke about the Great Bear River Massacre which his parents witnessed and survived. John Ford's family presented a musical program.

Next year's officers and standing committees were installed. President is Sylvester C. Anderson; past president, Lorenzo Hansen; president-elect, Merlin W. Kendrick; vice-president, James R. Allen; secretary Bruce Allen; treasurer, O. Wendell Hyde; national president, Wesley Reese; national vice president Roland Mortensen.

Standing committees are membership, Dr. Theris P. Astle; program chairman, Harvey Allred; historian and reporter, Sylmar G. Jessop; tracts, land-marks and trails, Roland Mortensen; national life membership Bruce Allen; camping and food, Delano Hunsaker and James R. Allen; awards and pioneer stories, Hubert C. Ward; welfare, William J. Kendrick and Charles L. Jenkins; chaplain and flag ceremony, Lewis N. Godfrey.

Anyone interested in perpetuating his pioneer heritage as a member of this organization, may call Dr. Theris P. Astle, 752-2962.

The calendar for the balance of the year is as follows:

April 21-Bread and Milk Supper under direction of the Camping Committee.

May 19 - Honor night for Past Presidents. Swiss Steaks.

June 16 - Chicken Dinner.

July - Local overnight encampment.

August 18, 19, 20 - National Encampment at U of U.

September 15 - Pot Luck Supper at Park.

October 20 - Boxelder Chapter will be our invited guests.

November 17 - Thanksgiving Dinner and Elections.

December 15 - Christmas Party.



## NEWS & VIEWS Continued

### Southern Utah Seminar

Eight representatives of the National Society, Sons of Utah Pioneers, went to Cedar City on March 18 to conduct a successful "mini-seminar" for officers of the following chapters located in southern Utah: Little Salt Lake, Dixie Mission, Cedar City and Kanab.

Vice President Lanell Lunt of Cedar City was local chairman for the event, which was held in the spacious family room of his new home. Wives of the participants were entertained in another room by the Cedar City hostesses during the evening seminar.

Copies of the new S.U.P. operations manual were presented to each of the chapters attending, and also to the president of the Taylorsville-Bennion chapter in Salt Lake Valley which was organized subsequent to the general officers' seminar held on Jan. 22 in Salt Lake City.

Speakers and the topics they presented were: D. Wesley Reese, president, chapter organization and motivation; Oliver R. Smith, president-elect, membership recruitment; Adolph Johnson, past president, using the S.U.P. magazine; George C. Lloyd, executive secretary, relations of chapters and the National Society; Verl Peterson, vice president, awards and recognitions; Elmer Jones, vice president, Mormon Battalion activities; Phil Robbins, vice president, chapter programs and projects; and John J. Nielsen, magazine advertising manager, promoting the 1977 encampment.

Additional remarks were given by Col. Fred M. Reese of Kanab, head of the Mormon Battalion association, who invited all S.U.P. members to join in its activities.

On the following day most of the national officers made additional visits in Parowan, St. George and Kanab as well as Cedar City.



*Chapter representatives in the southern Utah seminar for SUP officers were, left to right: 1st row - Louis B. Cardon, Willard Lunt, Lorin Condie, Alva Matheson, all of Cedar City, and Edwin Cox, Kanab; 2nd row - D. Watson Adams and Kendall O. Gurr, Little Salt Lake; Grant B. Snow, Archie D. Wallis, and Thomas P. McArther, Dixie Mission; 3rd row - Lorin C. Miles, Cedar City; Fred M. Reese, Kanab; Theo H. Corry and Lanell Lunt, Cedar City. Also present but not pictured was Elbert Bennion, president of the newly-organized Taylorsville - Bennion Chapter.*



*President D. Wesley Reese addressed representatives of four southern Utah SUP chapters in a "mini-seminar" for officers conducted at Cedar City on March 18. Shown with him are George C. Lloyd, executive secretary of the National Society, and Vice President Lanell Lunt who hosted the event.*

### Taylorsville Bennion Chapter Organized

On April 15, 1977 another SUP chapter came into being. Under the guidance of members of the East Mill Creek SUP group thirty-one men with their wives gathered at the Whitmore Library on 7000 South for the presentation of a charter to the Taylorsville Bennion Chapter. President Wesley D. Reese made the presentation to Joseph Elbert Bennion who had been elected president of the new organization. Other officers presented and voted upon were: president elect, Winston Palmer; 1st vice president, Asael M Wallace; 2nd vice president, Merrill A. Nelson; secretary, Cloyd Brown; historian, Clyde Barker; directors, Clifford Harker, Vince R. Houtz, and Rulon B. Mackay.

Congratulations and commendations go to all members of the East Mill Creek chapter for their zealous efforts in helping SUP to grow by organizing new chapters. Six of their number brought their wives to the organization meeting. Also in attendance were seven members of the National Board.





## Sugar House Chapter

The regular meeting of the Sugar House chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers was held at the Pioneer Village February 28, 1977. It was noted the members and ladies present was close to 95%. All seemed to agree it was a very profitable meeting.

President George A. McClellan presided and conducted the meeting. Following the dinner introductions, acknowledgements and suggestions were made. Mr. James Allen Smyth was introduced as a new member who previously belonged. He was accompanied by his charming wife Helen. Rulon Graves with his lovely wife Lily were introduced as transfers from the Salt Lake chapter to Sugar House. Philip Robbins made a suggestion that our chapter sponsor and help organize an "18 to 40" chapter. No doubt many younger people would feel more comfortable with members of their own age.

The program was presented by member Albert Eccles and his wife Carolyn. The theme of the presentation "Love", backed by the scriptures.

Small hand painted valentines were presented to each person present.

### *Taylorsville Bennion Chapter Organized*

*The top picture shows President Bennion and President Reese. The next picture is of the members of the Taylorsville Bennion Chapter. The center group is the national officers with their wives, then the East Mill Creek workers and their wives, and the bottom one is a shot of the luncheon meeting.*

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## New Mt. Olympus Chapter Receives Charter

On the evening of April 16 the Charter presentation was held for the new Mt. Olympus chapter. Present were 21 of the charter members with their partners, several prospective members and their partners, and Wesley D. Reese, National President of SUP, with Mrs. Reese, W. Phil. Robbins, National Vice President, and Mrs. Robbins, Steve McDonald, President of the Holladay

of young men ranging in age from 22 to 45 years of age who seem to have the desire to show us what this is all about. These enthusiastic young men feel that they can do much to instill renewed vigor into the organization, and are busily engaged recruiting other members having like energy and ambition.

The officers of the new organization, ready to assume responsibility and lead into activity and service are: Michael P. Robbins, President; Dennis M. Larsen, President-Elect; William K. Mack, 1st Vice-President; Brent J. Larsen, 2nd Vice-President; Gary R. Hansen, Secretary; and Edward A. McDonald, Treasurer.

We welcome these men into SUP and offer a pat on the back to the Holladay Chapter and M.P. Robbins for a job well done.

### VISIT OF AN OLD FRIEND

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Dr. Theris P. Astle of the Temple Fork Chapter has been appointed to the Life Membership Committee. He takes the place of Alvin C. Hull who is now serving as a missionary in the Utah Mission.

Theris is a chiropractor by profession and has served in many church and civic positions. He is the chairman of the membership committee and has held other positions since joining SUP Temple Fork Chapter.

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## Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Carter

Kenneth G. and Verna May Seely Carter celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on March 23. They were married in the Salt Lake LDS Temple March 23, 1927.

They are the parents of two children, Kenneth G. Carter, Jr., Colorado Springs, Colo., and Mrs. B. Kent (Alfa Jean) Carter, Centerville. They have eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mr. Carter grew up in Park Valley Ward for 13 years and served two missions for the LDS Church. Since moving to Logan in 1964, he has been actively engaged in real estate and is currently president of Valley View Realty, and is a member of the Temple Fork Chapter SUP.

Mrs. Carter was raised in Rosette, Utah, and was educated in Utah schools. She is active in writing groups and for years wrote for the Deseret News. She enjoys painting, writing poetry and short stories, some of which she has had published.

## Sanpete to Manasseh

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Antonito, thus establishing a trade which she followed for about twenty years, during this time she saved about \$10,000.

It was smilingly said of her that if she started out alone on the desert in the morning she would return at night with a pocket full of money. Still she found time to attend to her duties in the Church, and for fifteen years acted as President of the Relief Society at Manasseh, and for some years as President of Primary in that place, while her husband was counsellor in the Bishopric of the Ward and Superintendent of Sunday School. While residing in Manasseh,

her home was within a block of the Stake House, and many of the General Authorities who visited Stake Conference were entertained at her home. Often the yard was filled with teams, and generous entertainment was provided for all who came.

In 1900, Brother Christensen being in poor health, he and his wife came to Murray, Utah, to live near their daughter, Avilda, wife of Hyrum Cluff; here, in 1908 Brother Christensen died.

In Murray, Sister Christensen again took hold of work in Relief Society and was one of the most efficient Relief Society Teachers in the Murray First Ward. In 1917, when she was 79 years of age, she was struck by an automobile and so severely injured that her life was despaired of. A broken bone in her limb was never set. Through the administration of the Elders and her great faith, she finally recovered and for two years afterward, in spite of her lameness walked one and one half miles daily from her home to work in a store. Sister Christensen's absolute faith in the administration of the Elders in time of sickness was one of the outstanding principles of her life. She never summoned medical aid except a midwife, although the extraordinary activity of her mind often wore out her frail body. On several occasions, when it seemed to those around her that her

spirit had left her body, she revived and testified that she had been restored by the power of the Priesthood.

Sister Christensen lived to the age of 85 years and died at Murray, Utah July 30, 1923, where her body reposes by the side of her husband's. She is survived by numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Optimistic and cheerful, to know Sister Hannah was to love her. Her associates in San Luis often remarked that she must have been sent there to cheer and comfort them. Of the labors of such pioneer women we of today are enjoying the rich fruition. Let us honor their memories and emulate their noble example.

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Were they alive and with us today they would, without doubt, be engaged in causes they knew nothing about in their day but are of great importance to us and our life style.

The ERA is a contemporary, controversial subject with many sincere people on both sides of the issue. Is it important enough that we should take a stand for or against it? What about other problems of a similar nature? Would our forefathers sit on their hands and watch pornographers reap in the long green while debasing our young and not so young if they were with us this day? And what about legal abortions - what would be their stand?

Old folks homes, half-way houses, boys homes, girls homes,

clean-up campaigns, etc., etc. could use helping hands and funds to assist in making people happy and our country a better place to live. Should we not be engaged in a good work over and above our call and dedication to honor our pioneers? Should we sit back and say, "Let the Government do it?"

One could go on and on naming projects that need organizations with willing hands to take hold and do things to help our neighbors, friends, loved-ones and maybe even our own selves. As the saying goes, "The life you save may be your own."

What do you think? Is there some activity you know of that would receive a boost for the better if the Sons of Utah Pioneers took hold with willing shoulders at the wheel helping someone to a better life?

Progress comes when all push in the same direction. Let us settle on a plan and then push for all we're worth. "Time is a burden to the man with no purpose. It is a blessing to the man with plans." (C. Niel Strait)

Let's honor the pioneers not only by meeting, eating and listening to tales of their prowess, but by working for the solution of today's problems - problems they would readily tackle if they only could. Let's keep going with all the wonderful projects we now have and then add one or two irksome situations we can help to eliminate to our list that the righteous principles of the pioneers may be extended through us to our progeny.

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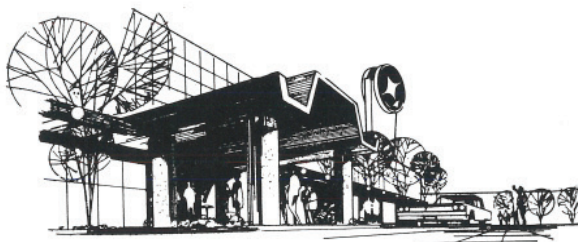
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## Florence G. Smith

Florence Grant Smith, 94, a daughter of President Heber J. Grant and a former member of the Relief Society General Board of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, died March 6, 1977, at her home, 700 - 16th Ave.

Mrs. Smith served on the Relief Society General Board from 1946 to 1948.

She was the widow of Willard R. Smith, son of President Joseph F. Smith who was an ardent worker for SUP and a Centennial Trekker.

Mrs. Smith was educated in Salt Lake City schools and at 12 years of age studied art under John Hafen. She studied at the New York Institute of Art and upon her return to Salt Lake City opened a studio.

She served in the Ensign Ward and Stake Relief Societies in various capacities, and with her sister often sang on various occasions. She served as matron of the Salt Lake Temple from 1963 to 1969 when her husband served as temple president. She was a member of the Ensign Fifth Ward at the time of her death.

## Ralph A. Putnam

Ralph A. Putnam, 76 died early in March at a local hospital after an illness.

Born April 18, 1900, Woodruff, Rich County, to Savannah Clarke and Marle (Hemmert) Nielsen Putnam. Married Florence Newman, November 11, 1925, Salt Lake LDS Temple, September 22, 1965. Active in many businesses in Salt Lake City, the two most notable are Shaw-Barton and Salt Lake City Corporation. He was associated with the SUP Salt Lake Luncheon Club.

Survivors: wife; 4 sons, 3 daughters, Ralph D., Robert L., Stephen N., F. Gerald, Mrs. Vincent (F. Jean) Brown, Mrs. John (Donna) Strong, all Salt Lake City; Mrs. Paul (Gloria) Rodgers, Guam; 1 stepson, 1 stepdaughter, O. Anderson, San Jose, California; Mrs. Calvin (Marcia) Thompson, Salt Lake City; 48 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, 1 sister: Ezra Woodruff, Edgar; Mrs. Thomas (Delia) Montgomery, Salt Lake City.

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## Rulon J. Topham

Rulon J. Topham a member of the Sugar House chapter died in Murray, Utah February 22, 1977 at the age of 72.

Mr. Topham was born May 27, 1904 in Paragonah, Utah. He was the son of Silas S. and Amelia Jensen Topham. His survivors are his wife Nettie Larsen Topham, two brothers, Merlin June and Silas M. Topham. Also a sister Mrs. Eulala Orton.

Rulon Topham and Nettie Larsen were married in the Manti Temple in 1942. They served a mission for the L.D.S. Church in the Central Atlantic States from 1952 to 1954.

Rulon worked for the Bennett Paint Co. as a departmental supervisor for 28 years. He was an active church worker, serving in the Seventies Presidency and as an Ordinance Worker in the Salt Lake Temple.

Rulon joined the Sons of the Utah Pioneers in 1974, then became vice-president in 1976.

## John Elmo Ostler

John Elmo Ostler, 85, 875 Donner Way, died February 17, 1977, at his residence, of cancer. Born Salt Lake City, Utah July 22, 1891, to Oliver R. and Louisa Boyden Ostler, well-known pioneer families who immigrated to Utah in the early 1860's from England. He was their last surviving and youngest of nine children. He married Gladys Hamlin, July 24, 1911 Ogden, Utah; marriage later solemnized in the Salt Lake L.D.S. Temple.

Mr. Ostler was well known in banking and political circles. He received his education in banking and business at the LDS Business College and the extension division University of Utah. He began his career as a bookkeeper at Walker Bank and Trust Company. Later worked at the Federal Reserve System, Salt Lake branch, beginning in 1918. He served in the banking profession in various departments for 38 years, until his retirement in 1957. He had served as deputy auditor for Salt Lake County, and later in the Utah State Auditor's office. He was an active member of the LDS Church, serving a mission to the Netherlands, 1911-1913. Served in various ward and stake assignments in the Granite and Bonneville Stakes. He was a member of high priest's group of the 12th Ward, Monument Park Stake and a member of the Salt Lake Luncheon Club SUP.

Survivors: wife, three daughters, Mrs. Edgar G. (Marian) Shelton, Salt Lake City; Mrs. Max R. (Jane) Christensen, Las Vegas, Nevada, Mrs. Victor A. (Georgia) Christopherson, Tucson, Arizona; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

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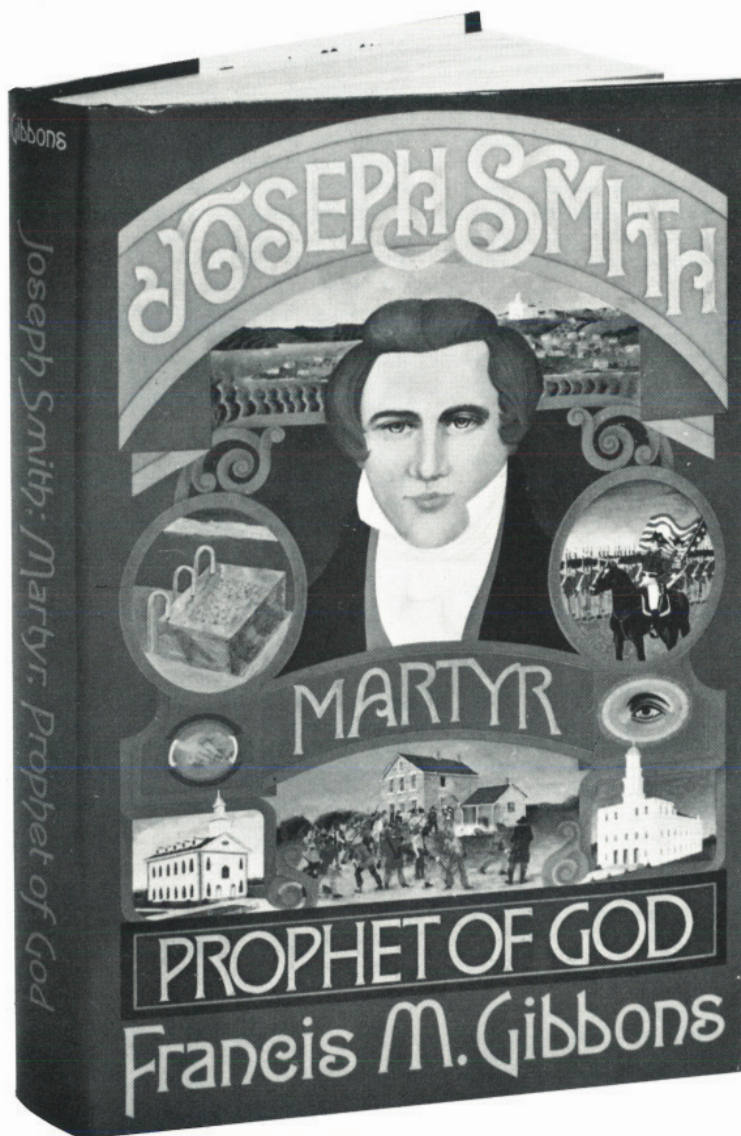
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